

**Department of Transportation  
State Project No. 17-183  
Intersection Improvements on Route 69 at Maple Avenue and Peacedale Street  
City of Bristol**

**Public Informational Meeting  
December 4, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.  
Bristol City Hall  
111 N. Main Street**

**Minutes**

**Representatives Present:**

Connecticut Department of Transportation:

William Britnell, P.E., Principal Engineer  
Scott Bushee, P.E., Project Manager  
Jaymes Tanski, P.E. Project Engineer  
Edward Sabourin, Design Engineer  
Brett Stoeffler, Traffic Engineer  
Robert Ike, Office of Rights of Way

Town of Bolton:

Paul Strawderman, City Engineer  
Police Sergeant, City of Bristol

**Presentation:** Following a 30-minute informal open house session regarding Intersection Improvements on Route 69 at Maple Avenue and Peacedale Street, Mr. Bushee, Mr. Tanski, and Mr. Sabourin gave a PowerPoint presentation lasting approximately 15 minutes. Mr. Ike then discussed the rights-of-way process.

The presentation covered the following items:

- ⇒ Project location and existing conditions
- ⇒ Capacity/Queue: The intersection experience long queue lengths and delays during peak hours.
- ⇒ Crash Patterns: There are about 7 crashes per year within the project area. More than half of the crashes involve a turning vehicle.
- ⇒ Purpose of the Project: To alleviate congestion and improve safety.
- ⇒ Proposed Improvements: Left turn lanes will be added on all four legs of the intersection. Sightlines will be improved by making vertical alignment changes and selective tree clearing.

**Public Comments and Questions:** Approximately 25 residents attended, of which approximately half took the opportunity to ask questions or make comments. The comments are summarized below:

1. Many residents were concerned about the amount of truck traffic on Maple Avenue and Peacedale Street. It was discussed that this was a city matter since

- it's a city street and they would need to coordinate with the city to address their concerns.
2. One resident was concerned that the profile adjustments (provided to increase sight distances on Maple Avenue and Peacedale Street) would result in vehicles being unable to stop at the intersection on Peacedale Street, but agreed sightline improvements are necessary. The grade is being adjusted from 2.5% to 3%
  3. Several residents noted that the abandoned house on the corner of Route 69 and Peacedale Street is an eyesore and expressed desire to have it demolished.

The general consensus was that safety improvements are needed at this location and support was shown for the project.

**Adjournment:** The question and answer session was concluded at approximately 8:00 p.m. The Department representatives then continued to speak with residents informally until approximately 8:30 p.m.